

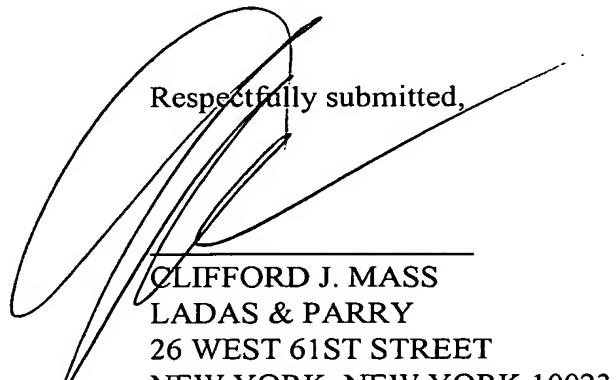
REMARKS

The Official Action of August 20, 2003 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make the changes requested by the Examiner at paragraphs 3(a) and (b) of the Official Action.

The indication that claims 1-13 contain allowable subject matter has been noted with appreciation. Claims 3, 4 10 and 11 have now been canceled to eliminate the redundancies in the claims. The remaining claims have been amended to correct informalities and to remove the bases for the objections appearing at paragraph 4 of the Official Action and the rejections appearing at paragraph 5 of the Official Action. All claims as amended are believed to be sufficiently definite to satisfy the dictates of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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